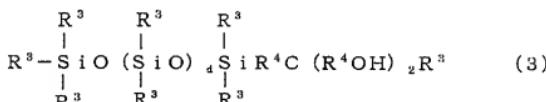
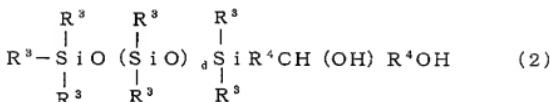


**AMENDED CLAIM SET:**

1. (currently amended) A dilatant fluid composition comprising:

(A) 100 parts by weight of an inorganic fine particle having a primary particle size of from 2 nm to 30  $\mu$ m;

(B) 0.5 to 100 parts by weight of a particle dispersing agent which is a polysiloxane diol represented by the general formula (2) or (3)



wherein each  $\text{R}^3$  independently represents a  $\text{C}_{1-8}$  alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms, each  $\text{R}^4$  independently represents a divalent group or a divalent substituent group having an ester bond or an ether bond, and  $d$  is an integer of  $1 \leq d \leq 1000$ ; and

(C) 5 to 1000 parts by weight of a cyclic or linear dimethyl silicone oil or methyl phenyl silicone oil silicone medium.

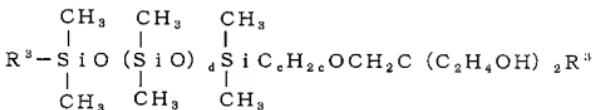
2. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

3. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1 or 2, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is silica.

4. – 7. (cancelled).

8. (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 1, wherein the particle dispersing agent of component (B) is a silicone oil having a hydroxyl group at one terminal therefore represented by the formula



wherein  $\text{R}^3$  represents a  $\text{C}_{1-8}$  alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms,  $c$  is an integer of  $2 \leq c \leq 5$ , and  $d$  is an integer of  $1 \leq d \leq 1000$ .

10. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

11. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9 or 10, wherein the inorganic fine particle of component (A) is silica.

12. (cancelled).